

## CIM Interim Standard Systems and Executive Agents

The Deputy Secretary of Defense established a DoD Corporate Information Management (CIM) initiative in October 1989. The objectives of the program are: to identify and implement management efficiencies throughout the information systems life-cycle, to eliminate duplication of effort in the development and maintenance of multiple information systems designed to meet a single functional requirement and to ensure information systems support policy directions. Eight CIM functional groups have been formed to date to develop standard functional requirements and significant progress has been made. It was recognized that the Department could realize savings sooner by selecting the best system in DoD in the interim pending development of standard functional requirements by the CIM functional groups. Guidelines for selection of interim standard information systems were issued by the DoD Senior IRM Official on June 25, 1990. An interim standard information system will be employed only if net benefits accrue to the Department prior to deployment of the ultimate CIM developed, DoD-wide standard system. As an interim system is designated to support a specific functional area, the development and enhancement of information systems supporting that same functional area will be stopped. The CIM functional groups are assessing the capabilities of all systems in their area based on the the criteria in the interim standard information systems guidelines. Their recommendations are being provided to the respective functional steering committee who

will recommend to the DoD Senior IRM Official the interim standard information system for a given functional area. When an interim system is selected, an executive agent will be appointed to direct the implementation and transition to the interim system.

A charter outlining the responsibilities, authorities and relationships of executive agents was issued on November 7, 1990. The functional steering committees are in the process of recommending executive agents to the DoD Senior IRM Official. The assignment of executive agents will position the Department in the best IRM posture to meet day-to-day operational requirements, while maximizing the use limited resources, until such time as CIM developed standard systems are implemented for designated business areas. Executive agents will develop a technical management plan which includes all current systems in their functional area and will plan, program, budget and execute funds for assigned interim systems development, enhancement and maintenance. The DoD Senior IRM Official serves as final approval authority for executive agent actions and interim standard system assignments and decides any IRM issues that cannot be resolved by the CIM functional steering committees.